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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF US/USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT

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1. TASS ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL VESTNIK OND DECEMBER 31  
CARRIED ARTICLE ON NEW US/USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT. EMBASSY'S  
INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: ON JANUARY 1, THE NEW SOVIET-AMERICAN  
MARITIME AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE. IT WAS SIGNED  
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON FOR A SIX YEAR PERIOD.  
IN MOSCOW THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY MINISTER OF THE MERCHANT  
MARINE, TIMOFEY BUZHENKO. HE TOLD A TASS  
CORRESPONDENT "THE NEW SOVIET-AMERICAN MARITIME AGREEMENT  
ENVISIONS MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR BOTH SIDES."  
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH PRECEDED THE SIGNING, IN PARTICULAR  
THE PROBLEM OF MARKET FREIGHT RATES WAS DISCUSSED.  
THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
THE INTERESTS OF THE MERCHANT FLEET OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND  
ALSO OF THIRD FLAGS IN THE MARITIME SHIPMENTS OF CARGOES  
FROM SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE TURNOVER, SAID THE MINISTER.

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THE MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT BY CONTRAST WITH THE 1972

AGREEMENT WHICH IS NOW EXPIRING, THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. HE ADDED, "THE AGREEMENT INCORPORATES THE CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION."

TIMOFEY GUZHENKO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF STABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE-ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND US. END QTE

3. DECEMBER 30 PRAVDA CARRIED AN ABBREVIATED VERSION OF THE TASS ITEM WHICH REPORTED THE SIGNING OF THE NEW 6 YEAR AGREEMENT AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF STABLE CONDITIONS FOR TWO-WAY TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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